

REMARKS

The original application includes claims 1 through 18. Claims 8 through 17 are hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 19 through 24 are hereby added. Also, claims 1 and 18 are hereby amended.

The present application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/613,885, filed July 11, 2000, which was allowed on December 16, 2003. The present application is hereby filed before the patenting, abandonment of or termination of proceedings on U.S. Application No. 09/613,885.

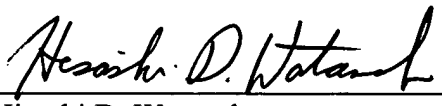
It should be noted that the independent claims of the present application, namely claims 1 and 18, are identical to independent claims 1 and 18 of U.S. Application No. 09/613,885, except that they are directed to a short messaging system instead of an email system. Support for the short messaging system is provided at page 22, lines 21 through 27, of the specification as well as FIG. 4 of the drawings. Accordingly, allowance of claims 1 through 7 and 18 through 24 is believed warranted.

It is submitted that the claims clearly define the invention and are supported by the specification and drawings. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the

Examiner have any questions or concerns which may expedite prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

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